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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 666

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Robert Culpepper of Smith County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of Dr. Robert Culpepper of Smith County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Culpepper was a staff physician at Smith County Memorial Hospital, and had been a practicing physician there since 1984, when he established a private practice; and

WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Robert Culpepper was a graduate of Turner High School and received his undergraduate degree from Morris Brown College; he earned his M.D. degree in 1971 from Meharry Medical College in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, after training at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, Dr. Culpepper returned to Georgia where he opened a medical practice in Jackson; two years later he returned to academics at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins University; and

WHEREAS, widely respected and admired by his peers in the medical profession and patients alike, Robert Culpepper contributed his time and immense talents as a member of the Smith County Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians and the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Ann; their daughter Brittany Culpepper; a sister, Barbara Culpepper Jones, the wife of Dr. Ernest Jones; two brothers, William Culpepper and Grady Culpepper, the husband of Mary Culpepper; two step-children, Christy Denney and David Denney; a niece, Zanetta Trahan, the wife of Dana Trahan; and two step-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the singular legacy of devoted medical care and professional excellence that Dr. Culpepper leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by his friends and associates; and

WHEREAS, people of Robert Culpepper's eminent stature do not often walk among us, and his death creates a void that will not be easily filled; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor the memory of Dr. Robert Culpepper, recalling fondly his life of purpose and commitment and his many valuable contributions to the growth and prosperity of the medical profession, even as we mourn his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our sympathy and condolences to Dr. Culpepper's family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.